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SUBJ: REPORTED INVITATION TO MOROCCAN MINISTER OF HEALTH TO
VISIT THE UNITED STATES

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMALLY ADVISED THAT AN INVITATION HAS BEEN OR MAY BE EXTENDED TO MOROCCAN MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH DR. RAHAL RAHHALI TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE. IF SUCH AN OFFICAL INVITATION IS BEING CONTEMPLATED, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED THROUGH DEPARTMENT CHANNELS SO THAT WE MAY COMMENT AND MAKE OUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. WITHOUT PRIOR ADVICE TO US FROM WASHINGTON, TWO AMERICAN PHYSICIANS VISITED MOROCCO IN EARLY MARCH AND APPARENTLY HAD CONTACT WITH DR. RAHHALI. UPON RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES ONE OF THE PHYSICIANS, DR. DONALD DAWSON, DIRECTOR OF THE OAKLAND MEDICAL CENTER, WROTE A LETTER TO THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SENT AN INFORMATION COPY OF THE LETTER TO THE AMBASSADOR VIA THE US DEFENSE ATTACHE. IN HIS LETTER, DR. DAWSON TOLD THE MINISTER QUOTE IMMEDIATELY UPON MY ARRIVAL BACK IN THE UNITED STATES I INSTITUTED THE FORMAL INVITATION FOR YOU TO BE A GUEST OF THE OFFICE OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE. DURING THIS VISITATION YOU CAN DISCUSS THE MANY PROGRAMS AND PROBLEMS WHICH HEW IS INVOLVED WITH IN THE UNITED STATES. UNQUOTE.

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3. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT NEA/AFN QUERY DHEW ON THE STATUS OF SUCH AN INVITATION. WE ALSO REQUEST THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN TO ISSUE INVITATION, IF SUCH IS INDEED BEING CONSIDERED, UNTIL WE ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE JUDGMENT ON ITS MERITS, FORM AND RELATIONSHIP TO OVERALL MISSION OBJECTIVES.
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